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THEME: “CLIMATE CHANGE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT”

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CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

We, the members of the Ghana Society of Animal Production (GSAP), having met at our 19th Biennial Conference at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, from the 5th to the 8th of August, 2015, to deliberate on the theme “Climate Change and Livestock Development” under the kind patronage of the Hon. Minister for Food and Agriculture, Hon. Franklin Fiavi Fiifi Kwetey, who was represented by the Hon. Deputy Minister for Food and Agriculture in charge of livestock, Hon. Dr. Hannah Louisa Bissiw, approve and adopt the following resolutions for the attention and action of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture:

Acknowledging: The Society acknowledges

1. The importance and contribution of the Animal Industry in the overall agriculture sector and the gross national product of the country.

2. The government's plans to mainstream Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) into the National Climate Change Policy document.
3. The efforts of government to promote Climate Smart Agricultural practices and the commitment it has shown in effective adaptation practices.
4. That the existence of Ghana Science Policy Dialogue Platform offers opportunities for knowledge and information exchange on Climate Smart Agriculture among the various stakeholders including international partners.

Pledge: The Society therefore pledges hereto that

1. It is fully supportive of the President's initiative to revitalize the broiler industry by encouraging local production to reduce imports. This, the society, envisions will bring immeasurable benefits that will accrue to the nation in the form of foreign exchange, employment generation, income generation and support to the vulnerable population.
2. It is supportive of government's efforts to do everything possible to push the overall poultry industry forward despite the bird flu scare.
3. It is ever ready to partner government by providing expertise in the fields of Animal Breeding, Nutrition, Production, Meat Technology, Forage Science, Animal Physiology, etc. to help achieve government's objectives of self-sufficiency in meat and other poultry and livestock products.
4. It is very concerned about the rapid loss of highly productive agricultural lands to real estate developers and believes this has very serious food security implications in the near future.

Recommendations: The Society therefore recommends that

1. Peri – urban areas be properly zoned and appropriately demarcated for poultry and livestock production to encourage medium to long term investments in the livestock and poultry sector under effective and efficient land use policy implementation.

2. There must be effective implementation of Climate Smart Agricultural Action Plan at all levels.
3. There is the need to emphasize the importance of ensuring integrated and holistic livestock production practices with special attention placed on modernization.
4. There is the need to intensify the orientation and training of key actors in the promotion of all Climate Smart Agricultural practices, technologies, tools and systematic approaches.
5. Government makes efforts to support climate smart local animal breeding efforts from individual institutions and people with breeds adaptable to local environments.

Signed

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